

Growing Leaders at MSU Jackson

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MSU at Jackson is pleased to commend our recent and past graduates by celebrating their success with you, in hopes you too can become one of our growing leaders, like Brian Curtis.

Brian Curtis, a Breathitt County native is currently a student with MSU at Jackson; he is pursuing a Bachelors Degree in University Studies that he will complete in December 2009. MSU at Jackson is very proud to celebrate the success Brian will be achieving in the upcoming months.

Brian joined the Kentucky National Guard in 2000 at 17 and graduated from Breathitt County High School in 2001. After graduating high school he began his college journey with Morehead State University as a traditional student on the main campus in Morehead, but his journey would take him somewhere else in the upcoming years. His college journey was interrupted by an act of courage that makes the people of Breathitt County stand proud, and that act was serving in Iraq in 2005 and 2006.

Once he returned from Iraq Brian chose MSU at Jackson to complete his degree due to its convenience and he felt it was much easier to attend classes in Jackson via ITV instead of spending three hours a night driving to the main campus for classes. This December he will graduate with a Bachelors degree in University Studies, he believes his parents and the military have contributed to his success, "My parents instilled the importance of an education and the military taught me work ethic and organization." After graduating, he plans to keep his current job



with the Kentucky National Guard and begin working on his Master of Public Administration with a Health Option.

When asked if he would recommend MSU at Jackson he replied, "I would recommend MSU at Jackson, because you feel like you are wanted there. The staff will make every effort to help you pursue your degree; all you have to do is the work. The staff will assist in class planning, financial aid, etc." For those who are thinking about returning to college to complete their degree Brian's believes, "It's never too late to get back into school. I should have a doctorate degree by now but I am ecstatic to have received a Bachelor's Degree."

Would you like to feel the job of receiving your degree like Brian? Feel free to contact MSU Jackson at 1-800-729-5225 for information on how you can get started with your growth of success! Early registration for the spring 2010 semester begins November 9, and we are currently seeing people now.